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I. H. MCKINNEY IS AGAIN MAYOR

Given Majority of Almost
Half of the Total Vote
of the City.

WRIGHT, STONE, JOHNSON WIN

Goodes Defeated Russell in Only
Upset in Wards—Carl Made
Wonderful Race.

Monday was a gala day for the republicans of Alma, who were out in full force and in most instances had things entirely their own way. Mayor I. H. McKinney, seeking re-election on the republican ticket, went into office, following the hottest campaign in the history of the city, and went in at the top of the highest landslide that the city has ever seen, his majority over P. W. Cresser having been 425.

The vote was also one of the heaviest that has ever been registered in Alma. Almost a thousand votes were cast at the Monday election, this being just a few votes short of the presidential election last fall, when Alma cast a few over a thousand votes and set a record. For a city election the one Monday, however, had everything else back of the boards.

It had never been considered that McKinney was in danger of defeat, but the vote that was accorded him was a surprise, even to the mayor, who received about a hundred more votes than he had expected would be given him.

The landslide to McKinney evidently helped the entire city ticket that the republicans had up, and it also aided in two of the wards. The fight enabled the republicans to grab a couple of offices that the democrats were holding, one being a city office and one a ward office. In other cases the republicans counted a heavy majority behind the McKinney landslide.

The republicans again pulled the office of city treasurer from the democrats. G. V. Wright following the lead of McKinney walked into office with a majority of 407 votes over A. A. Chick, this being perhaps the biggest surprise of the entire election, a close fight between these two having been expected from the time that they were nominated.

City Clerk Gallagher, democrat, had no opposition. The name of D. W. Adams was written in once, and Gallagher had 407 votes to spare. No effort of any kind was made to dislodge him.

The biggest fight of the entire election developed over the office of justice of the peace for the full term. The republicans in convention left the place open so that D. L. Johnson, an attorney, might be elected justice, but later events proved to the republicans that it would be unwise to leave the place open and last Friday after the ballots had been printed, selected George H. Carl to make the run. With the ballots printed, Carl had to run on ships, and under a handicap from the start he made a great fight, Johnson winning by only six votes. The race for justice for the short term, between A. H. Stone and J. D. Sullivan, democrat, went to the republican with a 344 majority.

In the wards the republicans re-elected all of their candidates. In the second ward Isaac Russell, supervisor for six years, was defeated by Fred Goodes, republican, and in the fourth ward the democrats retained their two offices, Helman and Lake being re-elected, supervisor and alderman.

City Ticket—First Ward.

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| For mayor | |
| McKinney, R. | 281 188 |
| Cresser, D. | 93 |
| For clerk | |
| Adams, R. | 1 |
| Gallagher, D. | 149 148 |
| For treasurer | |
| Wright, R. | 276 187 |
| Chick, D. | 89 |
| For justice (full term) | |
| Carl, R. | 39 |
| Johnson, D. | 92 |
| For justice (to fill vacancy) | |
| Stone, R. | 251 160 |
| Sullivan, D. | 101 |

Second Ward.

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| For mayor | |
| McKinney, R. | 198 144 |
| Cresser, D. | 54 |
| For clerk | |
| Gallagher, D. | 98 98 |
| For treasurer | |
| Wright, R. | 186 128 |
| Chick, D. | 58 |
| For justice (full term) | |
| Carl, R. | 97 39 |
| Johnson, D. | 58 |
| For justice (to fill vacancy) | |
| Stone, R. | 176 107 |
| Sullivan, D. | 69 |

Third Ward.

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| For mayor | |
| McKinney, R. | 90 45 |
| Cresser, D. | 45 |
| For clerk | |
| Gallagher, D. | 59 59 |
| For treasurer | |
| Wright, R. | 95 56 |
| Chick, D. | 39 |
| For justice (full term) | |
| Carl, R. | 45 5 |
| Johnson, D. | 40 |

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LUMBER COMPANY

New Lumber Company Will Be Located in Alma.

Ten business men from Chicago, Illinois and Grand Rapids, Michigan were in Alma last week looking over the possibilities of this city as a location for a new lumber yard and it is said that a deal has been closed and that a new lumber yard will be located here.

W. H. Campbell of Chicago, Illinois closed the deal for the property on which the yard is to be located. The Mrs. Grieg property on Ely street, was purchased for the concern. It is said that the Grand Rapids Lumber company will be vitally interested in the concern which is to be located in this city.

The final details of the new company have not yet been worked out, and no name for the company has as yet been settled upon, but it is known for a certainty that the new lumber yard will locate here, which will have the backing of experienced city lumber dealers, and which will go into the business here for all that it is worth.

WILL WORK TO CHANGE PRESENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent and Board Want
it to Conform With City
Boundaries.

One of the propositions which is coming up in the near future for consideration will be the changing of the present fractional school district, in which Alma is now located.

When the present district was changed a number of years ago it was changed to include many farms near Alma who desired to be within the district through the benefits that could be derived, and others who did not care to be in the district left out for the reason that they felt that they could gain no benefits from being in the district, while paying higher school taxes.

This is bound to be changed with the changing of the city limits of Alma, or else portion of the city will be in another school district, etc. Another big reason for the wanting of a change in the boundaries is the fact that the school district is in need of a site for a school house and the site that is needed at the present time does not lie within the present school district. This is simply because of the slipshod way the district was carved out years ago, but it means changing to acquire the ground legally for a school site.

It is the intention of the school board and Superintendent A. F. Schultz to get the city boundaries and the school district boundaries the same if possible. This would insure all residents of the enlarged city of Alma of being able to school their children in Alma without the need of tuition, and would force those from outside of the city to pay tuition.

The probabilities are that very little trouble will be experienced in the changing of the school district. As it is now, other school districts would soon be forced to educate children in Alma, and they probably will have no desire for this. To the west of Alma there is a portion of the district which may be detached, as the residents there feel that they would rather not be in this school district, it is said.

LOCKED UP

Members of Alma College Glee Club Get Taste of Confinement.

Some one took the joy out of life, claim the members of the Alma college glee club, and perhaps they are right, a number of them having been locked up, as a result of their spring vacation trip.

No, it was not because of the fact that they were such rotten singers that they were put under lock and key, because one of the member, Harold Lampman by name, rudely attacked Scarlet Fever, and was flogged as a result. Lampman was taken ill at Niles, Michigan, and the trip was immediately called off, and the members dispersed to their homes, and to Alma. A half dozen of the young men visited at Brainerd's hospital for a few days, while another half dozen found themselves caged in their rooms at home. Needless to say the club trip is off for the year.

Who is the Silent Menace?

LEAGUE ENTERTAINMENT

You will miss it if you do not attend the entertainment given in the Methodist church Wednesday evening, April 11th, at eight o'clock. The best talent in the city has been secured for a program of music, both instrumental and vocal, also of readings. A good time is promised to all. Admission 15 and 25 cents. 85-11c

OLDEST SUBSCRIBER

Mrs. F. A. Fisher, East Superior street, the oldest subscriber of the Alma Record, made her yearly appearance at the Alma Record office this week and renewed her subscription. This is the thirty-sixth year that she has subscribed to the Record. She is one of the many Record readers, who once a reader is always a reader.

"God's Country and the Woman"—Idlehour soon.

ANNEXATION VOTE WAS BIG WINNER

Great Majority Given Bigger
Alma Proposition Where-
ever Voted Upon.

ALMOST TRIPLES ALMA'S SIZE

Room is Badly Needed for the
Expansion of Rapidly Grow-
ing City.

The city of Alma and the townships of Arcada and Pine River on Monday of this week voted favorably on the annexation to Alma of portions of both townships, and thereby almost tripled the area of the city.

A big vote on the proposition was given in Alma and the two townships affected, and in each case a good majority was given for the proposition to increase the size of the city of Alma.

The territory added to Alma under the vote Monday takes in the north-east quarter of section thirty-three, the north half of section thirty-four, and the north one-half and the south-east half of the southwest quarter of section thirty-five, all of the township of Pine River, and the southeast one-fourth of section four and the south half of section three and the east one-half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter and the northwest quarter of section two, all of Arcada township.

This permits plenty of room for the expansion of the city for some years to come, a thing that is badly needed at the present time, due to the most rapid growth of the city.

The voting in Alma on the proposition was heavy, but one hundred and fifty residents, who voted on the city ticket failed to vote on the annexation. The townships also had fewer votes on the proposition than on the regular election.

Following are the results:

| | Yes | No | Majority |
|-------------|-----|----|----------|
| Alma | 242 | 15 | 227 |
| First ward | 211 | 19 | 192 |
| Second ward | 122 | 8 | 114 |
| Third ward | 120 | 31 | 89 |
| Fourth ward | 695 | 73 | 622 |

Arcada Township.

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| Yes | 132 |
| No | 38 |
| Total | 170 |

In District Affected.

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|-------|----|
| Yes | 12 |
| No | 2 |
| Total | 14 |

Pine River Township.

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| Yes | 126 |
| No | 51 |
| Total | 177 |

In District Affected.

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| Yes | 9 |
| No | 3 |
| Total | 12 |

As the vote from the affected districts, the townships and the city shows, there was practically no opposition to the measure, making Alma the largest city in this section in point of territory within its bounds.

BUY OUT FIRM

Traverse City Men Buy Out Bartling & Holmes

The firm of Bartling & Holmes, which was located in the old Nelson foundry block, has been purchased by Chanson & Watson, Traverse City men, who are coming to Alma to go into the manufacture of concrete blocks on a wholesale scale.

The Traverse City men are experienced in this line, in which they have been engaged for some years and they should prove able successors to the retiring proprietors.

CLEANERS TO HAVE MEETING

The Gratiot county federation will meet in Ithaca, on Tuesday, April 10th, starting at 10 o'clock a. m. A basket dinner will be had at noon, and the county lecturer will have a literary program for the afternoon session.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marvin of Detroit will be present and help make the meeting successful.

Do you know "Pearl of the Army"?

ANN ARBOR TIME CHANGES

The Ann Arbor railroad time tables were changed the first of this week. The times of the departure of the various trains from Alma will be found below:

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| South—7:30 a. m.; 10:18 a. m.; 12:58 a. m.; 6:13 p. m. |
| North—8:10 a. m.; 11:20 p. m.; 4:35 p. m.; 9:04 p. m. |

SCHOOLS GROWTH CONTINUES

The increase in the enrollment of the local public schools continues at a rapid rate. Superintendent Schultz reported Tuesday that at the end of March the enrollment had reached 1,245, and at the end of Tuesday of this week, the first day following the spring vacation, it had grown to 1,265.

AS A WAR MEASURE

In the event of this country's being forced in to war national prohibition will be urged as a part of the preparedness program. European nations now engaged in war have discovered that alcohol is a contemptible, cowardly foe within their lines and that sobriety is a necessary requisite for an efficient soldier. One after another of these countries, therefore, is extending the restrictions on the sale of the poison for beverage purpose.

The United States should take a lesson from Great Britain and not delay action in outlawing the liquor traffic as a war measure.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BE REPUBLICAN

Defeat of Russell by Goodes in
Alma Gives Republicans
One Majority.

Following are the township results through the county:

Emerson.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| Ernest Muscott, R. | 91 |
| B. M. Coffin, D. | 97 |
| For clerk | |
| Harry Allen, R. | 111 |
| Geo. Green, D. | 77 |
| For treasurer | |
| Charles Bloss, R. | 89 |
| James F. Smith, D. | 99 |
| For highway commissioner | |
| J. D. Knapp, R. | 95 |
| L. M. Crann, D. | 93 |

Seville.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| P. W. Britton, R. | 60 |
| C. E. Going, D. | 143 |
| For clerk | |
| Thomas Morton, R. | 67 |
| C. O. Dunn, D. | 133 |
| For treasurer | |
| Laurel Welch, R. | 96 |
| A. E. Miller, D. | 104 |
| For highway commissioner | |
| Albert Fisher, R. | 80 |
| John Jaques, D. | 128 |

North Star.

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|---------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| Thomas Hamilton, R. | 130 |
| J. W. Williams, D. | 110 |
| For clerk | |
| Sherman Lacey, R. | 130 |
| N. S. Barney, D. | 103 |
| For treasurer | |
| Frank Howes, R. | 102 |
| George Reed, D. | 133 |

Pine River.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| Wm. Michael, R. | 80 |
| Wm. Vanderveck, P. | 109 |
| For clerk | |
| Edgar Sias, R. | 110 |
| R. O. Hunt, P. | 75 |
| For treasurer | |
| Don E. Hayes, R. | 113 |
| C. B. Packer, R. | 71 |
| For highway commissioner | |
| B. T. Hamilton, R. | 104 |
| E. O'Bryen, P. | 84 |

North Shade.

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| David Lock, R. | 12 |
| Daniel Spicer, D. | 56 |
| For clerk | |
| W. R. Salisbury, R. | 128 |
| W. A. Stonebrook, D. | 49 |
| For treasurer | |
| C. A. Correll, R. | 113 |
| Myron Eldred, D. | 64 |

New Haven.

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| C. L. Heister, R. | 124 |
| W. G. Troub, D. | 106 |
| For clerk | |
| W. W. Davis, R. | 159 |
| For treasurer | |
| D. M. Hall, R. | 117 |
| H. L. Hyde, D. | 110 |

Newark.

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| S. A. Daniels, R. | 101 |
| H. L. Martin, D. | 54 |
| For clerk | |
| E. W. Mulholland, R. | 92 |
| James Gibbs, D. | 63 |
| For treasurer | |
| Frank Goodspeed, R. | 109 |
| C. E. Thum, D. | 45 |

Hamilton.

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| For supervisor | |
| L. G. Hull, R. | 63 |
| M. A. Emer, D. | 63 |
| For clerk | |
| Roy Putman, R. | 63 |
| C. D. Peet, D. | 68 |
| For treasurer | |
| F. W. Baker, R. | 64 |
| A. A. Russell, D. | 67 |

Ithaca.

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| G. J. Chambers, R. | 229 |
| C. O. Davis, D. | 135 |
| For clerk | |
| E. R. VanDuzer, R. | 229 |
| T. E. Garlock, D. | 134 |
| For treasurer | |
| Archie Rickman, R. | 228 |
| Henry Read, D. | 135 |

Fulton.

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| Ernest Naldrett, R. | 66 |
| Frank Hines, D. | 128 |
| For clerk | |
| E. H. Lucas, R. | 119 |
| C. K. Tuttle, D. | 71 |
| For treasurer | |
| William Foster, R. | 84 |
| Fred Reed, D. | 107 |

Elba—First Precinct.

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|--------------------|-----|
| For supervisor | |
| Frank Sebring, R. | 107 |
| E. A. Chisholm, D. | 15 |
| For clerk | |
| Jud Cox, R. | 114 |
| B. Sigler, D. | 20 |
| For treasurer | |
| Ernest Doney, R. | 14 |
| Lewis Murray, D. | 122 |

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MILLERSVILLE IS OFF THE MAP

Alma's Eyesore Has Been
Purchased by Libby,
McNeill & Libby.

TO TEAR DOWN PINK HOUSES

Switch Tracks Will Be Located
Where the Little Pink Col-
ored Shanties Are.

Alma's greatest eyesore, known to the public as Millersville, is about to pass from existence, this string of shanties on East Superior street have been sold to Libby, McNeill & Libby, to be torn down to make room for sidetracks to the local plant of Libby, McNeill & Libby.

In making this purchase, Libby, McNeill & Libby has conferred a great favor on Alma, as this bunch of shacks has made the city of Alma the object of many an editorial in the building papers and magazines of the state. They have stood out before everyone passing in trains on the Pere Marquette and helped make many a merry jest at the expense of the city.

It is rumored that Libby, McNeill & Libby will do some extensive building in the near future, and that the ground, whereon was located Millersville, will be eventually needed for truckage purposes.

The shacks and ground was purchased by Fred Rowland, the deal being closed in about two hours. Mr. Rowland was forced to make purchases from J. L. Miller, Walter Miller, Ben Schnapp and Mrs. J. A. Erickson to obtain the ground, and immediately after it was turned over to Libby, McNeill & Libby.

SUFFRAGE MEETING

Gratiot Women Held a Suffrage Meet-
ing in Alma.

At a meeting of the ladies of Gratiot county in the I. O. O. F. hall the latter part of last month a Gratiot County Equal Suffrage association was formed.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. L. J. Timby, after which "America" was sung by the entire audience. Following this, Dr. Clabe, the only male citizen present, expressed his deep interest in the movement. Mrs. Frances Burns of St. Louis, urged a county organization of the women as the ladies of Gratiot county are not sharing in the burden of the suffrage work with the others of the state.

King followed with a plea for equal suffrage as a means of securing nation-wide prohibition. Mrs. Andrews of St. Louis urged all of the women to do their part in furthering the work of the pioneers of the movement. Mrs. Seavers of Ithaca reported a deep interest in the suffrage work among the women of Ithaca.

The chairman introduced Mrs. Frederick Perkins of Ann Arbor, field director of the state organization, who gave some very interesting facts concerning the question of equal suffrage, emphasizing immediate action because of the 1918 campaign.

The organization of the Gratiot branch followed, sixty women signing as members, and \$74.25 being pledged toward the county apportionment of \$200 for the campaign work.

Mrs. Timby was elected chairman, Mrs. Andrews of St. Louis, first vice chairman; Mrs. Wilbur Nelson of Ithaca, second vice chairman; Mrs. A. E. Branch of St. Louis, secretary; Miss Sadie Messenger of Alma, treasurer; Mrs. Francis King was appointed press chairman; and Mrs. J. N. Day was appointed publication chairman.

The executive committee is now working to prepare a constitution and the by-laws for the organization.

JULIA CLAUSSEN PRAISES MEHLIN GRAND

A letter was received by Paul G. Mehlín & Sons, 4 East 43rd street, New York, from Julia Clausson of Chicago, in praise of the Mehlín grand piano. The letter reads as follows:

"It gives me great pleasure to state that the Mehlín grand piano which I recently used for accompaniment at my recital in Jamestown, New York, has a beautiful tone which blends excellently with the human voice."

Alma people will remember Julia Clausson as the artist with the last Redpath chautauqua.

The Alma Music store, Smith & Maney, local representatives of Paul G. Mehlín & Sons, will receive a specially selected Mehlín grand this week.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have engaged S. E. Gardiner, M.D., of Mt. Pleasant, who for many years has been making a specialty of diseases of the eye and of refraction work, to spend the second and the fourth Mondays of each month in the hospital, where I shall be glad to have my friends see him when in need of his services.

(73-1y) L. N. BRAINERD, M. D.

Clz-ulation counts—we have it.

LARGE REGISTRATION

Over Three Hundred Registered Last Saturday

That Alma has continued her rapid growth, is easily seen by the registration list of last Saturday, when three hundred and two names were added to the registration books of the city of Alma.

Last November Alma had a new registration, which coming with the presidential election is certain to have called out practically all of the voters of the city of Alma, so that the greater part of the three hundred and two names added to the list last Saturday probably came from new residents here. A few came from changes in wards.

With an average of three to the family, the increase in registration, which indicates that Alma has grown about 900 in population during the winter months, from November until last Saturday.

It also shows that there was a big interest in the election of the city officials this spring and also in the question of annexing the territory adjacent to this city.

BONDING ISSUES ALLOW IMPORTANT CITY WORK

Enable Cities to Get Things
Which They Could Not Otherwise Secure.

The question of bonding for public purposes of any sort is one which is likely to arouse a great deal of interest at any time, no matter what the issue at stake may be.

Through bonding issues many things may be done by the public which would be impossible to do without, or which would be years in the making because of the fact that such things would be done piecemeal, and cost far more when the work was finally concluded.

A bonding issue has several purposes; it promotes great enterprises, which otherwise would be absolutely impossible. There is scarcely an enterprise in the country today that is of any consequence, which did not find its origin in a bonding issue. The millions of men who are employed by the railroads, in our great factories, by our steamship lines and other enterprises are practically all aided through bonding, and are bonded enterprises. Without bonding these would have been impossible, and many working men would be without employment and we would lack many of the comforts of life, which we are now enjoying. It is a means by which the world does business. Most of the world's business is done through credit, not with actual money.

Bonding for public as well as private enterprise is simply another way of borrowing money in a lump sum on the credit of the local government in order that some great public improvement may be made, such as the construction of schools, of sewerage systems, systems of water mains, paving, construction of municipal lighting and water plants, etc. Bonding issues allow these needed improvements to be constructed at once so that the public may have the immediate benefits of them.

By putting in such improvements piecemeal the cost is added to greatly, because of the need of moving machinery, men, etc., while by doing an entire thing at one time, the cost is necessarily less. When purchases must be made, the buying for a